

# Emancipation Proclamation

Abraham Lincoln

Proclamation	Notes
<p><sup>1</sup>Whereas on the 22nd day of September, A.D. 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:</p>	<p>whereas – it being the fact that proclamation – a formal or public announcement to wit – to say, or list</p>
<p><sup>2</sup>"That on the 1st day of January, A.D. 1863, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.</p>	<p>designated – specifically identified whereof – of or about that person thenceforward – from then on naval – relating to military ships</p> <p>repress – hold back</p>
<p><sup>3</sup>"That the executive will on the 1st day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State or the people thereof shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such States shall have participated shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State and the people thereof are not then in rebellion against the United States."</p>	<p>executive – president of the country aforesaid – said before thereof – of or from a specific place respectively – each one that is named rebellion – fight against thereto – to it, to that wherein – in which time countervailing – opposite deemed – proven to be</p>
<p><sup>4</sup>Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-In-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this 1st day of January, A.D. 1863, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days from the first day above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof, respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States the following, to wit:</p>	<p>virtue – having the authority vested – given to someone armed – with weapons</p> <p>fit – meets certain standards suppressing – putting down or stopping accordance – matching, going with</p>
<p><sup>5</sup>Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana (except the parishes of St. Bernard, Palquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terrebone, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the city of New Orleans), Mississippi, Alabama,</p>	<p>parish – a region in Louisiana</p>

<p>Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Morthampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Anne, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth), and which excepted parts are for the present left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.</p> <p><sup>6</sup>And by virtue of the power and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States are, and henceforward shall be, free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.</p> <p><sup>7</sup>And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence; and I recommend to them that, in all case when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.</p> <p><sup>8</sup>And I further declare and make known that such persons of suitable condition will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.</p> <p><sup>9</sup>And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God.</p>	<p>designated – named</p> <p>excepted – not included precisely – specifically</p> <p>said – those listed before</p> <p>enjoin – ask or require abstain – not do defence – an old-fashioned way of spelling defense wages – payment for a job declare – to make a statement suitable – acceptable garrison – watch over man vessels – work and ships</p> <p>warranted – allowed or approved invoke – to ask or call upon</p>
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# Gettysburg Address

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Address	Notes
<sup>1</sup> Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.	score – twenty brought forth – created, started proposition – idea
<sup>2</sup> Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.	engaged – involved with conceived – begun, started endure – continue portion – part  fitting – appropriate
<sup>3</sup> But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate – we cannot consecrate – we cannot hallow – this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.	dedicate – give or pledge consecrate – declare holy hallow – make holy  detract – take away note – notice  nobly – a courageously, bravely task – job honored – greatly respected devotion – selfless dedication  resolve – declare or determine vain – without purpose or reason  perish – die or be destroyed